# Texas Public Finance Authority Bonds 101

A Case Study

**Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum Texas State Preservation Board** 



#### "Texas is the greatest state in the country."

- Bob Bullock



"As great as this state is, we have no state museum in our state capital, a magnificent museum where our history can be properly displayed...Texas has gone too long without one."

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Series	Proceeds	Max Term
1997B	\$9,935,000.00	20 Years
1999A	\$39,185,000.00	20 Years
2000B	\$29,480,000.00	20 Years
Total:	\$78,600,000.00	

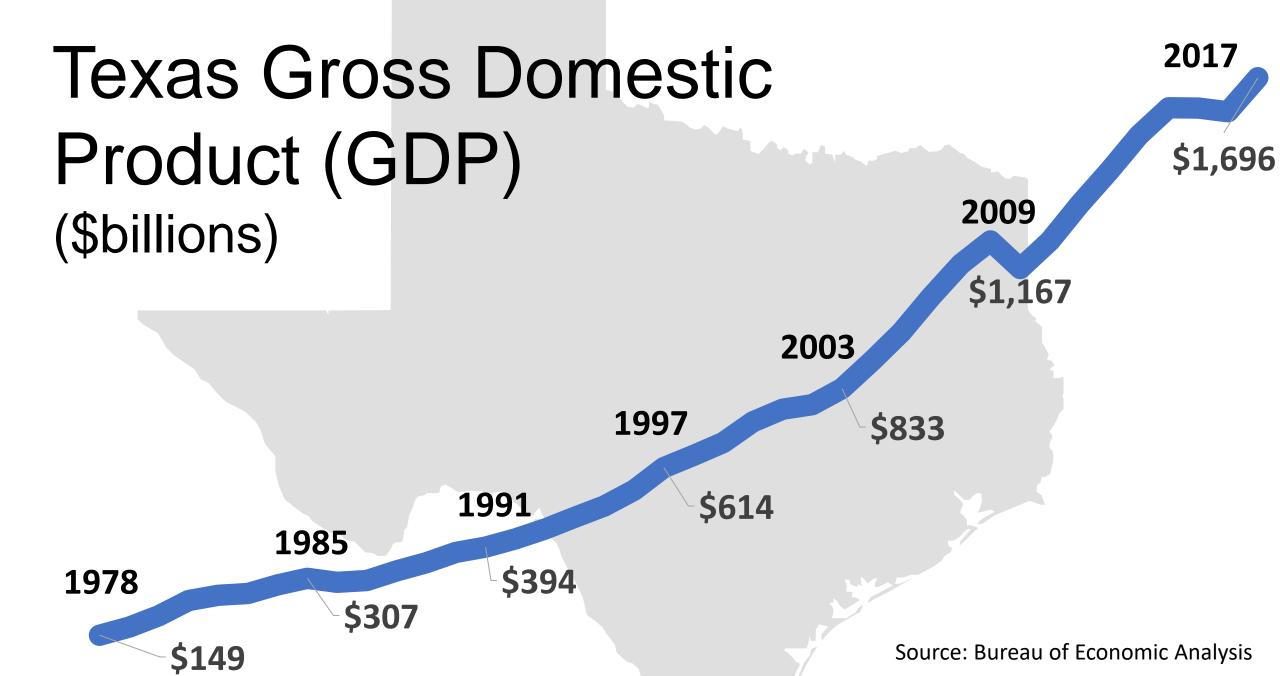
- Debt Service
  - General Revenue Appropriations
  - Operational Proceeds as available
- Project complete in 2001

#### Why not just pay cash?

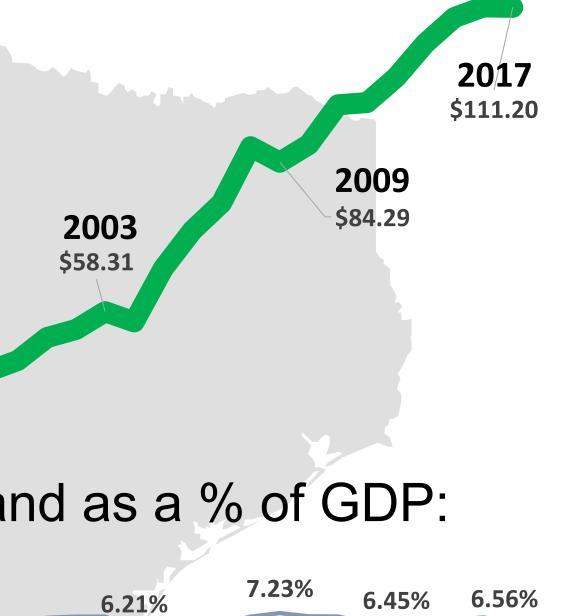
- Significant component of 1998/1999 budget
  - 12% of total 1997 Article I General Revenue appropriations

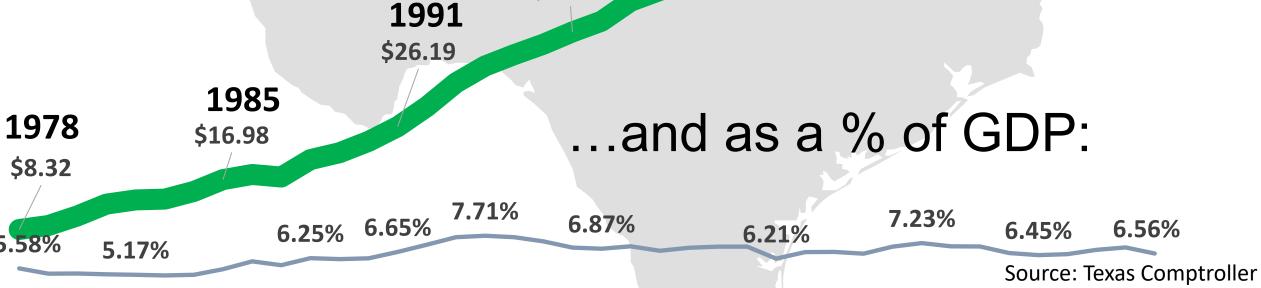
Access projected cash flows of project

- Leverage future Growth
  - Economic Growth
  - State Revenue Growth
  - Population Growth



## State Government Revenues (\$Billions)

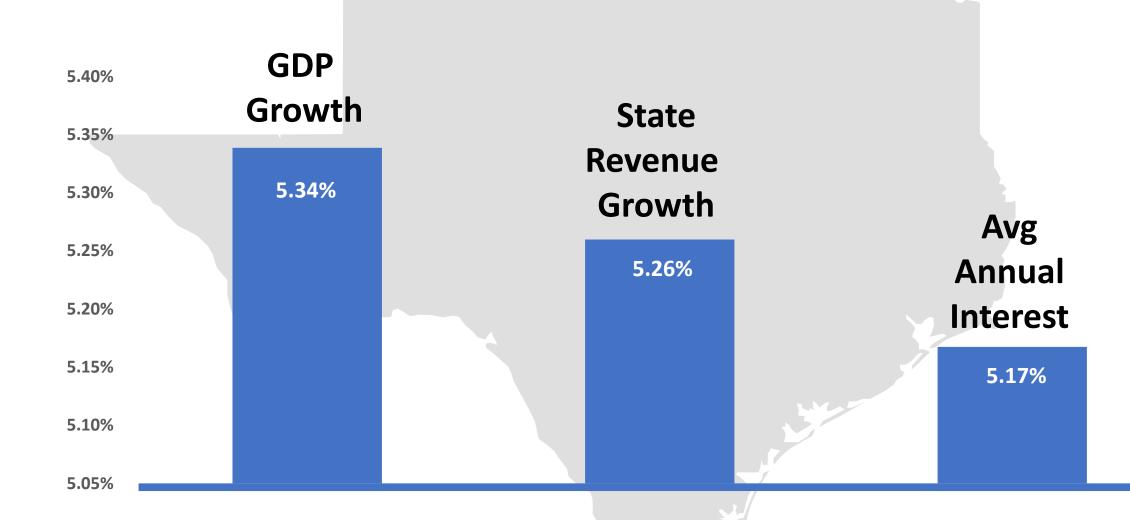




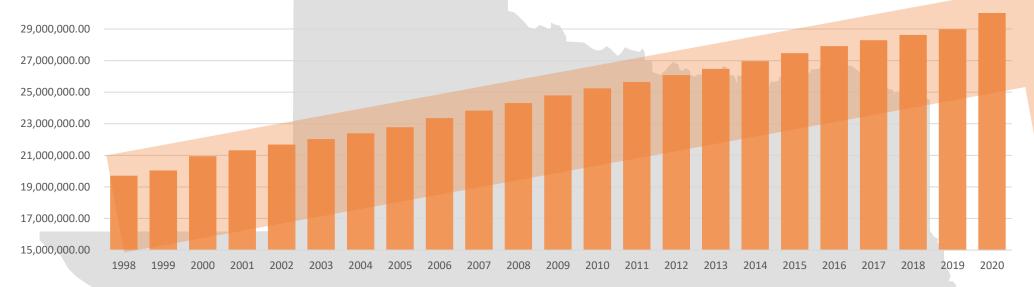
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\$42.65

### Rate of Interest Paid vs Growth Metrics (over life of 1997, 1999 and 2000 Series Revenue Bonds)



#### Population Growth



More than 10 Million people added to the population since initial appropriation

- ☐ Cost per capita based upon 1998 population: \$3.87
- ☐ Actual cost per capita (principal): \$3.11

#### Why Issue Government Debt?

- 1. Align cost of capital projects with the timing of benefits
- 2. Conserve current cash and liquidity
- 3. Distribute costs among current and future beneficiaries

#### Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA)

- Established in 1984 as the Texas Public Building Authority to issue facilities debt
  - Texas Government Code Chapter 1232 (enabling legislation), and chapters 1401 and 1403
- Evolved as a source through which multiple agencies can issue debt
  - Issued and/or managing debt for 22 client agencies
  - May be explicitly designated as Issuer by the Legislature
  - Alternatively, agencies may choose to issue through TPFA
  - 4 Commercial Paper programs
  - \$3 Billion Fixed Rate obligations

#### A Few TPFA Client Agencies

Facilities Commission Military Department

School for the Blind and Visually

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute Impaired

Health and Human Services

Commission School for the Deaf

Parks and Wildlife Department

Juvenile Justice Department

Military Preparedness Commission Agricultural Finance Authority

Department of Criminal Justice Department of Agriculture

Historical Commission Commission on Environmental Quality

State Preservation Board

Windstorm Insurance Association Midwestern State University

Workforce Commission Texas Southern University

#### Lease Revenue Project Financing Structure

Legislative Appropriations

Project Revenue

\$

General Revenue

\$



Lease Payments

\$



- Project title retained by TPFA until bonds mature.
- Bonds secured by lease payments.
- Legislature under no obligation to appropriate funds.



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#### **Debt Instruments**

- Bonds: Long Term (mature in greater than 5 years)
- Notes: Medium Term (mature in less than 5 years)
- Commercial Paper: Short Term (matures in 1 to 270 days)

#### Source of Repayment

Appropriations/Budget perspective

- Non-Self-Supporting
  - Payable from general appropriations
- Self-Supporting
  - Dedicated revenue source for repayment
- General Obligation Bonds (GO)
  - Full Faith and Credit pledged.
  - Voter approval/constitutional amendment
  - Self-supporting or non-self-supporting
- Revenue Bonds
  - Self-Supporting Texas Windstorm Insurance, for example
  - Non-Self-Supporting lease revenue bonds, for example
  - No referendum
  - Secured only by pledged revenue

Market/Legal perspective

	Self-Supporting	Non-Self-Supporting
General Obligation	Aaa Investors indifferent to funding Full Faith & Credit	Aaa Investors indifferent to funding Full Faith & Credit
Revenue	Baa3 - Aa1 Funding source critical to rating	Aa1 Investors reasonably indifferent to funding "Appropriation Risk"

#### Interest Accrual

#### Fixed Rate

- Fixed duration, rate does not change
- With or without optionality

#### Variable Rate

- Floating Rate Notes/Bonds (FRNs/FRBs)
- Variable Rate Demand Obligation (VRDO)

#### Commercial Paper (CP)

- Short duration (30 90 days)
- Requires "roll" to extend. Issue to fund/redeem maturities.
- Liquidity considerations (as with VRDOs as well)

#### Master Lease

- Equipment financing program available to state agencies and universities
- Separately authorized by legislature
- Currently capitalized using a tax exempt commercial paper program

#### Federal Income Tax

#### Taxable

- Interest rate/spread function of bond rating and prevailing market
- Flexible use of proceeds

#### Tax Exempt

- Interest income to investor is exempt from federal income tax
- Market forces generally result in a reduced interest rate to borrower
- Use of proceeds less flexible
  - Private activity
  - Arbitrage Rebate

#### Refunding

- Refinancing existing debt
  - For savings
  - To change covenants
  - To change debt service elements/repayment schedule
  - To change structure (variable to fixed, tax exempt to taxable)
- Par Call Options and Make Whole Provisions
  - Optionality is not free
- Advance Refunding
  - No longer an option for Tax Exempt obligations
  - Defeasance (as opposed to redemption)
- Redemption vs Defeasance?

#### Legislative Appropriations

- Legislature authorizes debt (within constitutional limits)
- Appropriates proceeds as needed
- Appropriates funds biennially to pay debt service

	GO Bonds	Revenue Bonds
Project Authorization	Client Agency	Client Agency
Appropriation of Proceeds	Client Agency	Client Agency
Appropriation of Debt Service	TPFA	Lease Payments Appropriated to Client Agency

#### Some Common Terms

- Coupon Value as-stated on bond. May refer to the value of a payment or as a description of the yield or interest rate as-stated on the bond.
- Par Similar to coupon. It is used to describe the face value of a security (as opposed to its market value.)
- Discount or Premium The difference between the market value and the par value of a security.
- Debt Service Principal and Interest payments on bonds.
- Lease Payment Similar to Debt Service, but appropriated funds to pay required payments for Lease Revenue Bonds or Master Lease Payments.
- Pledge Defined source of funds for repayment. May also refer to other collateral offered as security for bonds.

#### General Obligation Debt

- Requires Constitutional Amendment
- Guaranteed by State's full faith and credit
- May be self-supporting or non-self-supporting

#### Current TPFA GO Programs

#### As of 2/29/2020

Authorization Amount	Issued	Unissued	Outstanding Principal
\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	\$0	
\$250,000,000	\$49,595,000	\$200,405,000	
\$500,000,000	\$0	\$500,000,000	
\$30,000,000	\$0	\$30,000,000	
\$855,000,000	\$124,595,000	\$730,405,000	\$21,545,000
\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$0	
\$500,000,000	\$499,752,500	\$247,500	
\$400,000,000	\$399,497,500	\$502,500	
\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000	\$0	
\$1,000,000,000	\$999,325,000	\$675,000	
\$3,000,000,000	\$2,998,575,000	\$1,425,000	
\$850,000,000	\$849,429,995	\$570,005	
\$175,000,000	\$172,000,000	\$3,000,000	
\$1,000,000,000	\$973,857,674	\$26,142,326	
\$6,000,000,000	\$1,840,000,000	\$4,160,000,000	
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#### Revenue Bonds

- Do not typically require voter approval
  - No obligation for future appropriations by future legislatures
- Self Supporting
  - Secured ONLY by specified revenue source
- Non-Self Supporting
- Appropriation Risk vs Pledged Revenue Stream
- Risk profile is largely dependent upon source of repayment

#### Revenue Debt by Type

As of 2/29/2020

Non-Self-Supporting Bonds (Not including CP)		\$248,250,000
Self-Supporting Revenue Bonds		
TWIA	\$318,600,000	
University Bonds (non-TRB)	\$194,376,216	
Tuition Revenue Bonds - MSU and TSU	\$131,650,000	
Total Self-Supporting Revenue Bonds		\$644,626,216
Revenue Bonds Outstanding		\$892,876,216

#### Commercial Paper (CP)

- General Obligation or Revenue Pledge
- Self-Supporting or Non-Self-Supporting
- Low administrative costs
- Ideal for project financing
- Issue only amounts needed. No outstanding, unused balances.
- Refund outstanding CP with fixed rate debt (fix out)
- May also be used as long term, variable facility (Master Lease, for example)

#### Current Commercial Paper Programs

As of 2/29/20	Authority	Unissued	Commercial Paper Outstanding
Series 2008 General Obligation Commercial Paper Program*			
Use: Multi-agency, facilities improvements, construction	1,000,000,000	26,142,326	53,700,000
CPRIT Series A Taxable General Obligation Commercial Paper Program*			
Use: Cancer Research and Prevention Grants	6,000,000,000	4,160,000,000	248,025,000
Total General Obligation		<u>4,186,142,326</u>	<u>301,725,000</u>
TFC 2016 Series A Taxable Revenue Commerical Paper Program*			
Use: North Austin and Capitol Complex Projects	1,242,855,581	953,855,581	-
2019 Revenue Commercial Paper Program*			
Use: Master Lease and other authorized/eligible projects	300,000,000	279,260,000	20,740,000
Total Revenue		<u>1,233,115,581</u>	20,740,000

<sup>\*</sup>Not to exceed the applicable liquidity commitment or Board Resolution. (The size of the Master Lease Purchase Program is established by Board Resolution)

#### Master Lease Purchase Program

- Lease-purchase financing program administered by Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA)
- Established in 1992 to finance equipment and other eligible capital acquisitions, Texas Government Code, §1232.103
- MLPP program is funded by a low-cost variable rate tax-exempt commercial paper program also administered by TPFA
- MLPP is available to all state agencies and universities
- MLPP is currently <u>not available</u> to political subdivisions: junior colleges, community colleges, cities, counties, school districts

Master Lease Program Structure (CP-Funded) **Supplier** Payment of *Issue* CP to support new purchases Equipment Invoice(s) Equipment "Roll" interim balances **Commercial Paper Texas Public** 30-60 days **Finance Authority Agency Periodic Rebates** Reduce outstanding CP Lease Payments (Principal + Interest) as payments received

#### **Commercial Paper Advantages**

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- Short duration
  - Minimum balances outstanding
  - Lowest interest costs
- Highly liquid and stable market
  - State of Texas highest credit quality (Aaa equivalent)
  - Competition drives rates down
- Most closely aligned with economic conditions
  - Tracks Federal Reserve Short Term Rates
  - Strong correlation to economic growth rates

#### Master Lease Example Uses

- Emergency Needs
- Leverage dedicated revenue sources for related capital equipment purchases
- Align capital costs with associated savings (energy retrofit, for example)
- Maintain base appropriations

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